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7. Jaclyn Sterly



8. Alivia Jager



9. Nolan Henderson



10. Trinity Devore

City council adopts ordinance against feeding wildlife

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

On Monday at its regular meeting the Belleville City Council unanimously passed the second reading and final adoption of a new ordinance to keep people from feeding wildlife.

The city had put up a sign telling people in the parks not to feed wildlife since it was against a city ordinance. Then they found there was no such ordinance so they decided to make an ordinance.

They left the signs up and wrote up an

ordinance.

That was the explanation of city manager Jason Smith. Assistant city manager Steve Jones said some people persist in feeding the geese at Horizon Park which makes them stay, even though the city was paying to get rid of the geese.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Honored Fire Chief Brian Loranger as he retires after 37 years on the fire department, the last 13 as fire chief. The public is invited to a retirement party for

him from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, at the Belleville Yacht Club;

- Heard budget presentations from DPW director Melissa Frierson and clerk/treasurer Briana Hootman for the administration;

- Set a special council meeting for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 28, to consider the full budget;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance on trees, which was greeted with disapproval by members of the audience

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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday, ALL ads must be submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, 5/23/25. The office will be closed Monday, 5/26/25.

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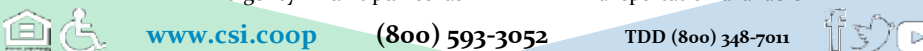
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Blackstone, Bush to be grand marshals of Memorial Day parade

The Belleville Central Business Community has announced that the grand marshals for its Memorial Day parade on May 26 will be John Blackstone and Geof Bush.

John Blackstone
John Blackstone of Sumpter Township is the current Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 Commander and Past District 4

Commander. He served in the U.S. Army from July 1982 until May 30, 2017 on Active Duty, the Michigan Army National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve.

Blackstone served as an Operating Room Technician at the 47th Combat Support Hospital, 121 Evacuation Hospital, Madigan Army Medical Center and the 207th Evacuation Hospital.

He was commissioned in April of 1989 as a Field Medical Support Officer and retired as a Medical Plans, Operations, Training and Security Officer (Field Operations). He had Company Command of the 146th Forward Support Battalion Company C and Battalion Command of the 146th Multi-Functional Medical Battalion along with various staff positions.

Blackstone performed duties in Iraq, Germany, Korea, Japan, Latvia, and 12 different duty assignments in the U.S.

Geof Bush

Geof Bush of Van Buren Township was raised in the downriver area, graduating from Melvindale High School about 100 years ago!

He enlisted in the United States Air Force in December, 1969. After Tech School at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, he became an Airborne Navigation Equipment Repairman working on B-52H and KC-135 aircraft for the 319th Bomb Wing at Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota.

In 1972, he was sent to Keflavik NAS, Iceland where he worked on F-102 and F-4C fighter aircraft for the 47th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, plus HC-130 and HH-3C Jolly Green helicopters for Air Rescue and Recovery Detachment 14.

He separated from the USAF in November 1973 and went back to Grand Forks and the University of North Dakota to get his BSBA degree with a major in Aviation Administration.

Bush has been a pilot for 53 years, flying mostly passenger charter and corporate operations. He was awarded the FAA Master Pilot Award in June 2024. He is a proud member of Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 167 and a member of the Honor Guard.

Parade route

The Memorial Day parade will leave the Belleville High School parking lot at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 26, and head toward Five Points and then up Main Street to Roys. Following the parade, at 11 a.m., the VFW and PLAV will present the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on High Street at Horizon Park.



Public Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY 3rd Wayne Court address 2 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226	ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE	CASE NO. and JUDGE 25-000751-CH John H. Gillis, Jr. Court telephone no. 313-224-0157
Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no. The ESTATE OF JAMES CHARLUS GRAHAM, by Ellen Larson and Jacqueline Richardson as Co-Personal Representatives		Defendant's name, address, and telephone no. EDWARD EICHSTADT 50880 Martz Road Belleville, MI 48111
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no. Little & Boylan, PLLC Karie H. Boylan (P55468) 2546 S. Rochester Road Rochester Hills, MI 48307 248-963-1228		

THE COURT FINDS:

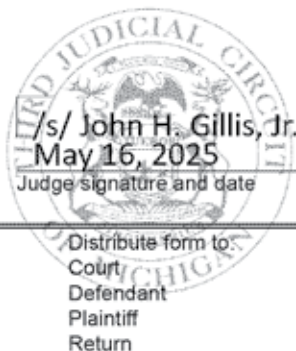
- ☒ 1. Service of process upon the defendant, EDWARD EICHSTADT, cannot reasonably be made as provided in ☒ MCR 2.105 ☐ MCR 2.107(B)(1)(b) and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

- ☒ 2. Service of the ☒ summons and complaint ☐ other: _____ and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
- ☐ a. First-class mail to _____
- ☐ b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at _____
- ☐ c. Delivering at _____ to a member of the defendant's household who is of suitable age and discretion to receive process, with instructions to deliver it promptly to the defendant.
- ☒ d. Other: Publishing Notice to the Estate of Edward Eichstadt in Belleville Area Independent News

For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

- ☐ 3. The motion for alternate service is denied.



O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Memorial Day parade on Monday brings many units

Monday is Memorial Day and this community will be able to enjoy its second year in a row of a hometown parade to honor those who have died protecting our country.

It's a daytime parade, which is a plus for those with young ones and old ones, so we can all see where we're going.

The parade steps off at 10 a.m. from the Belleville High School parking lot and heads down W. Columbia Ave. toward Five Points, where it turns left onto Main Street. It will disburse near the museum.

Then, crowd members can walk over to the Veterans Memorial on High Street for the 11 a.m. ceremony where wreaths will be placed by dignitaries and prayers and messages given. It's usually a brief ceremony.

Then, it's back to your Monday off from work to enjoy the rest of Memorial Day and put some flowers on your loved-ones' graves.

But, the focus should be on those who were lost in the line of duty and that must be foremost in the marking of Memorial Day.

Our local VFW/PLAV post has been filled with volunteers who are aging and dying sooner than expected, we would assume from what they encountered during their service. Some younger veterans are stepping up, but will that be in time to keep the post from folding itself into the Romulus post? Volunteers needed.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The meeting previously scheduled by EGLE and the EPA for next Wednesday, May 28, at WCCC to discuss the request of Wayne Disposal at the toxic waste landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive has been canceled for now and will be rescheduled. See the EGLE legal notice in today's paper.

Also, at Monday's regular Belleville City Council meeting, Mayor Ken Voigt reported he had testified in court in Detroit earlier that day on the restraining order to keep the atomic waste from coming to that landfill. He said VBT Fire Chief David McNally also testified.

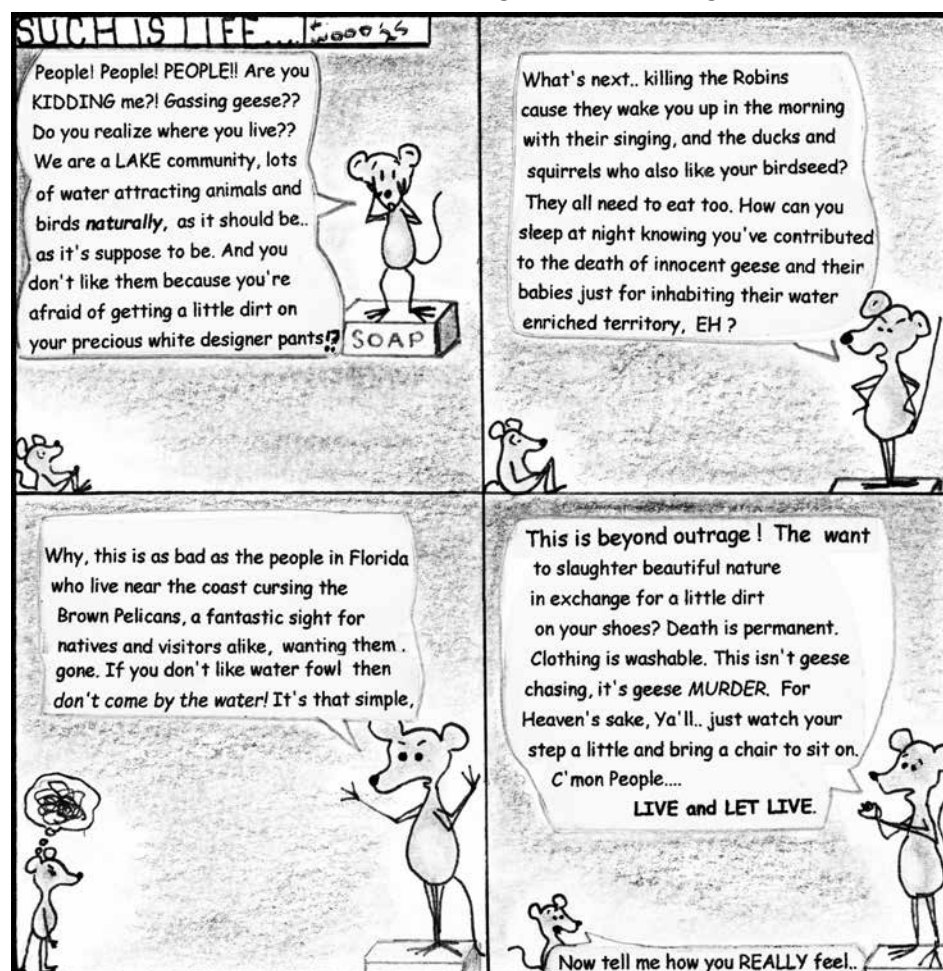
He said two from "the other side" were to testify on Tuesday. He also said he didn't see success coming for those opposing the waste coming there from New York. An ongoing story.

The bird shop at the former Chase bank in the former Kmart Center tells us they are moving to the vacant Denny's restaurant building next door within the next few months.

That's a great location with a lighted sign that can be seen from the freeway. Of course, Van Buren Township may make them take down the sign.

A really tall sign across the service drive in Ypsilanti Township currently is not in use. It used to advertise the steak house that turned into a multi-use building.

We asked Belleville Police Chief Kris Faull about all the juvenile complaints on Owen Street last week that are on the police log in today's edition. The five at the same time on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon also are on the Van



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Letters

Memorial Day honors those who died serving

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VFW Post 4434 wants to remind you! Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 26), honors men and women *who died while serving* in the U.S. military.

Here's your chance to demonstrate pride in our country and remember our fallen veterans. Once again, we encourage all residents of Belleville to display a flag at their homes.

Let's set the example. Display your U.S. flag early and show the rest of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Michigan, and the entire country how proud we are to once again honor our fallen heroes.

Let's never forget those who gave their lives serving us.

Thanks to a very generous donation of supplies from manager John Vredevelde of Manns Lumber, and a big labor help from manager Tom Tinsley of Contract Welding, VFW Post 4434 has many FREE refurbished flags (12"x18") available. Stop by at 48 S. Biggs, Belleville MI, and pick one up.

Also, we can have your old flags properly disposed; drop them off when you pick up a new one.

Each refurbished flag had previously been flown over a veteran's grave. Whether a general, a sergeant or a private, now you can honor that fallen veteran by once again displaying his/her flag at your home.

Don't let Memorial Day go by without acknowledging our fallen veterans.

Pete Pitzen, Sr. Vice Commander
VFW Flag Committee Chairman
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Memorial Day Parade participants

Belleville Police Chief, Van Buren Honor Guard, Grand Marshals, BHS JNROTC, MJ Dawson & Marie Krouse, Boy Scout Troup 793, Buzz the CBC Business Dog,

Why did no one say peep about school board trip?

To the editor:

Forgive my curiosity, but how come no one said a peep about the school board spending all the dough to go to Mackinac Island? Seriously? Anything they did could have been done online or at the school board office in Lansing or wherever it is.

I did some calculations, and that was a lot of dough to send them to ride bikes, hobnob, and drink. Anyone bothered to look at the reading/math scores in Belleville schools? That money could have been used to get another part-time paraprofessional, or a tutor, or something for students. Not for a free trip to the island.

That superintendent gets a great rating according to your reports. The scores are in the toilet. Below the toilet, IN THE SEWER!

They want to send kids to nail school. Low expectations, anyone? How about real career technology? How 'bout learning to earn a living wage?

It's too dang bad no one cares about kids and learning, just about a free trip to the island and a great rating for Kudlak. I sure am glad my kids are just about done with the mess that is in Belleville.

And no one even recognizes or cares how bad it is. Good lord, it's shameful. And shame on the *Independent* for covering it all up.

Concerned Parent (no signature)

Editor's Note: The story at the top of the front page of the April 17 *Independent* was about the whole school board going on the trip: "School Board to meet at Mackinac Island May 2-4." The story went on for several paragraphs about how much it was going to cost. We didn't cover that up and the low academic scores are often mentioned in our stories. Few parents come to the school board meetings to watch what's going on or to comment on it. We're glad you're aware.

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Musings

**By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director**



Do you have a friend or family member looking for work? Well, look no further than our classified page. Kovalak's have been searching for a laborer and a CDL Driver for weeks and now New Boston RTM has an ad running for Production help. If you know someone, please bring our Help Wanted to their attention and get them moving off the couch!

Another new advertiser is Clutter Cleaners. They will rent you a dumpster and you can fill it or they will fill it for you. It is great to have a business right here in the area so you know your dollars are being spent here in the Belleville area.

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I am telling you all this because a fundraiser is scheduled for Tiger Village on Saturday, May 31, at Belleville High School. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. you may purchase craft supplies directly from crafters or supplies that have been donated. From 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. There will be an all-day craft crop where people will be working on their scrapbooks, yarn projects,

Diamond Painting or just using a table to sort and organize their work, and finally from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. there will be vendors from different companies – i.e. Stampin' Up, Creative Memories, etc.

If you already do any of these projects, you may want to attend and shop. If you are thinking about starting to do any of these projects, you may want to attend and learn more and shop. Or, you may just want to

see what this is all about and go and have fun looking.

If you can't attend, please feel free to make a donation to the program. It takes a village to raise a Tiger! For information please email tigervillagebhs@gmail.com or call (734) 697-1784.

There may still be time to participate so, to register fill out Google form online <https://forms.gle/BiyWoiSicAo95bCY6>. Or

for more information contact Darlene at dgerick@vanburenschools.net.

This is my last reminder for the Memorial Day Parade starting at 10 a.m. from Belleville High School on Monday the 26th. Bring the family to enjoy the parade and stay for the Memorial Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. on High Street at the Veterans Memorial.

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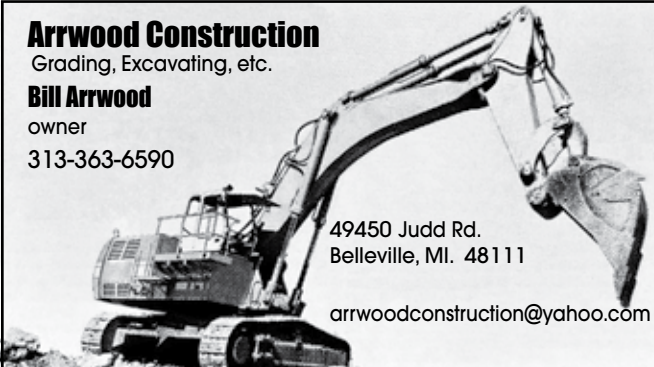
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Motorcyclist dies after crash at intersection in Van Buren Township

At about 5:20 p.m., May 14, Van Buren Township Police were dispatched to the area of Haggerty and East Huron River Drive on the report of a motorcycle-verses-car traffic crash.

Police Chief Jason Wright said the motorcycle and car collided in the intersection. This was a left-turn, head-on crash, he said.

The motorcycle rider, a 22-year old male from Superior Township, was transported to the hospital from the scene by Huron Valley Ambulance. He died and was publicly identified as Angel Guillen after notification of the family. He had been working at the Hair Station in Belleville.

According to the accident team, alcohol was not a factor, Chief Wright said.

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HARPER MARIE MATHIS

August 28, 2009 – May 12, 2025

Harper Marie Mathis of Belleville was born August 28, 2009 in Ypsilanti, MI to Justin and Shellie Mathis.

Our sweet Harper was taken into God's Hands at 2:06 a.m. on the morning of May 12. She has fought her fight with cancer since July 2020. We celebrated her being in remission in September 2021 after rounds of different treatment. In April 2022 we found out the horrible news that she had relapsed and there were 7 new tumors found.

From that moment we were determined to fight this as hard as we could. We entered into various clinical trials in New York, Cincinnati and Augusta, GA. This got us so much extra time with Harper and we're so thankful for that. Harper loved life and everything about it. She was an avid soccer player, she had the best of friends that were genuine and so caring, she loved to shop and most of all, loved her family. She was strong in her faith and her God.

Our hearts are deeply hurting, but Harper is now free of pain and resting with the angels. Harper battled cancer with courage and grace, never wavering in her faith. She was a ray of sunshine and the sweetest, most composed young lady. Watching Harper live ... and fight, was truly an inspiration. Harper's faith was strong and she lived with the motto "God's Got Me!" While Harper's body was small, everything else about her was BIG! Her smile, her spirit, her faith, her fight, her kindness, her compassion for others, her humor, her sass, her inspiration, her love, and her legacy!

Harper is survived by her parents Justin and Shellie and her sister Payton Mathis and the love of her life Bryce Clement.

A short service to celebrate Harper's life was held at Faith Community Church, Belleville, on May 18. Memorials may be made to a foundation that Harper created to bring smiles to children's faces and may be found at harperstrong.org.

Arrangements by Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake.



Robert McKenna

ROBERT MCKENNA

December 9, 1942 – May 12, 2025

Robert McKenna, age 82, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away on May 12, 2025, at home surrounded by his family. He was born on December 9, 1942, in Ypsilanti, MI to Robert and Marie (Gerbstedt) McKenna. After his high school years, he served our country in the United States Army. Robert served in Vietnam. He met and married Marilyn and they shared almost 45 wonderful years together. Robert was a "Jack of all Trades" making his careers many. He had many talents. Robert was involved with the Boy Scouts and coaching boys' baseball as well. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Belleville. Robert was active on the Zoning Board of Appeals for Van Buren Township for many years.

Robert is survived by his loving wife and caretaker, Marilyn McKenna of Van Buren Township, MI; his sons, Charles (Kristyn) McKenna of Ruston, WA, and Jack (Jacqueline) McKenna of Woodhaven, MI; two daughters, Kelly and Kammie; his sister, Carol Boice of Milan, MI; his grandson, Beau McKenna and many more, his great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Arthur McKenna.

A visitation was held Friday May 16, 2025, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, and a funeral service on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville, MI, 48111. Pastor Greg Buchner officiated. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

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JANICE ELIZABETH GRICE

October 31, 1943 – May 13, 2025

Age 81, of Van Buren Township. Survived by children, Matthew Grice, Laura Dyer and Jonathan Grice; sisters Martha McLean and Kathryn McNamara brother-in-law Michael Raymer; nine grandchildren. Memorial visitation 4-8 p.m., July 11, at Brown's Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

BHS at-home games

• **Friday, May 23** – Boys Golf vs. Jefferson, 2:15 p.m. at Willow Metropark;
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City Council

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who said people shouldn't have to get a permit to plant any tree they want in their own yard – or to replace a tree if they don't want a tree in their yard. Mayor Ken Voigt said changes can still be made in the ordinance before the second reading. He said older people in the town can't afford this. In order to be named a Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation such an ordinance is needed to be in place with money set aside for trees. "Focus on public property and let the people alone," said Mike Renaud. "If people want to plant a tree they shouldn't need a permit. [To get named Tree City] this is a pretty heavy price to pay";

- Awarded the bid for construction manager for the work on new city hall at 3330 Charles St. to Davenport Construction although it wasn't low bidder. City manager Smith said C&S Construction was the apparent low bidder at \$126,400, but it did not include the bid bond, but even if that was added in it was still low bidder. Mayor Voigt said that not having the bid bond would automatically disqualify them. Davenport of Belleville was within 10% of the low bid and so it was awarded the contract for \$145,900. Two other bidders were higher;

- Gave its blessing to Chris Donley who wants to raise money to make an iron nine-foot-tall, six-foot wide wing sculpture to place on a pad in place at Horizon Park to honor the memory of Harper Mathis of Belleville who died May 12 at the age of 15. He said it will cost \$6,500 to get the sculpture created by a local artist and about \$500 for a plaque and it will not cost the city anything because he will raise the funds;

- Approved purchase of wood fiber costing \$9,675 for Victory Park and \$6,075 for Village Park, with the hope that the Downtown Development Authority will reimburse the city since it takes care of parks in its district. Whether or not the DDA covers the cost, the wood fiber needs to be put down for the play equipment, council members agreed and the quote is soon to expire;

- Approved paying \$31,325 at first and \$33,325 annually with a 5% increase in the fifth year for Municode which will update and put in place digitized ordinances so people can find the correct current information on their own. Mayor Voigt said the city is 20 years behind in this and the last time it codified its ordinances was in the late 1990s;

- Tabled for more information the request to pay HydroCorp \$54,064.02 over five years to check residential cross-connections since this is required by EGLE (the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) and EGLE is putting the hammer down on the requirement. The city currently does zero checks on residential cross connections;

- Approved the mayor's appointment of Tara Edwards of Victoria Commons to a term on the planning commission that expires Dec. 31, 2025 and reappointed

Theresa Ceccarelli to the Civil Service Commission with a term that expires May 31, 2031;

- Approved accepting a \$4,200 parks grant from the millage Wayne County levies for parks to pay for one bench and four picnic tables made of metal for Victory Park;

- Heard a woman from the audience say that she had complained about having her water shutoff buried under the sidewalk for years. She said she wanted to say the DPW has uncovered it. It's done;

- Heard Mike Renaud ask when the water meters will be fully online reading real numbers instead billing estimates and Smith said about 85.5% of the meters have been installed and the system will be in place with the coming billing cycle. When the mayor asked how many meters are not yet scheduled to be changed, Smith said 57;

- Head councilman Randy Priest say the council has been paid the same since 1982 and he could like to see a compensation committee be set up. Smith said he will see if the Civil Service Commission can do this. Priest also complained about the looks of Hayward's at the entrance to the city. Smith said the city has been working on it and will continue to work on it;

- Heard councilwoman Julie Kissel say the Fire Auxiliary will become the Public Safety Auxiliary at the retirement party for Fire Chief Brian Loranger at the BYC on May 22; and

- Heard Chris Donley say about 1,000 people came to Harper Mathis' funeral at the church. He said the family is grateful to the citizens of this city. "It's a testimony to the people of Belleville – how tight and special it is," Donley said.

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Retired Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger, right, holds up the special plaque presented to him by Police Chief / Public Safety Director Kris Faull, left, at Monday's meeting of the city council. He also received his Chief fire helmet and other items. At rear is Fire Chief 2 Chris Zweng.

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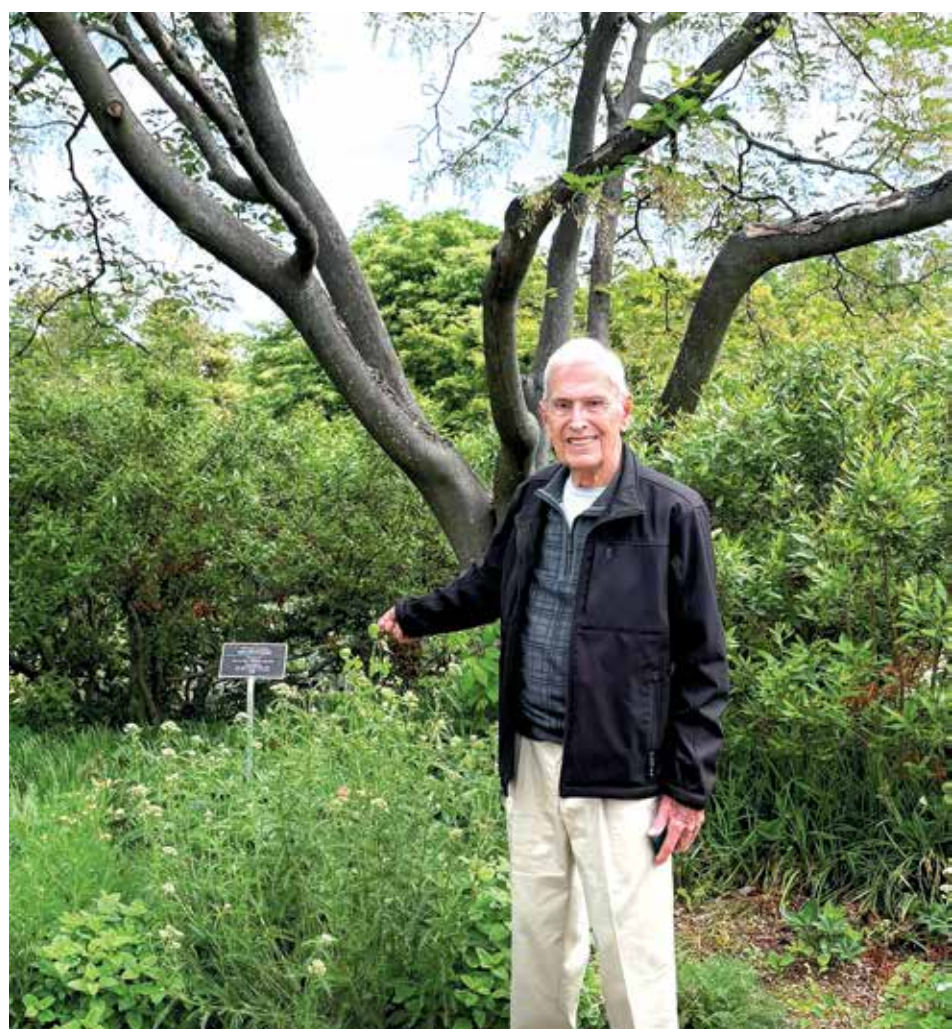


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Anthony Kuchta, a 1949 graduate of Belleville High School where he was captain of the football team and now of Fort Pierce, FL, traveled to Washington, D.C. recently to see the tree growing in his parents' honor in the National Herb Garden. He found the Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentuke*) planted by the Southern Michigan Herb Society of America in 1986 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kuchta of Van Buren Township and it was flourishing. His mother Marian grew herbs and taught about them in newspaper columns, television appearances, and classes at their farm. Stephen worked the farm as well and created artworks out of seedpods. They sold herbs and various plants at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market for many years, beginning in the 1950s.

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Rhonda Dutton, left, president of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, recognized Sophia Rabaa, for her outstanding achievement in the visual arts at the Belleville High School Senior Scholarship Recognition Night on May 14. The 2025 BACA Senior Scholarship Award of \$1,000 was presented to Sophia to further her studies at Wayne State University.



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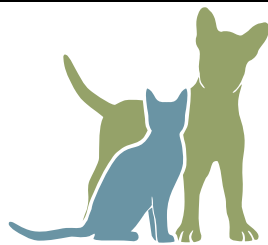
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The Belleville Rotary Club awarded six \$5,000 college scholarships to members of the Belleville High School Class of 2025. These scholarships are made possible through the Charles Cozaad Foundation and over the years the Rotary has awarded \$702,500 to primarily BHS students. From left are Malik Murrell, Payton Mathis, Alvia Jager, Ivana Goff, Logan Castellani, and Ryan Brenay. Logan, Ivana, Alvia, and Payton received Academic Scholarships. The Charles B. Cozadd Award for service to school and other students went to Ryan. The Donald Juchartz Award for community service was presented to Malik.

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Tanya Stoudemire named Detroit's Chief Financial Officer

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent editor

On May 13, the Detroit City Council voted to confirm Mayor Mike Duggan's recommendation for the appointment of Tanya Stoudemire as the city's new Chief Financial Officer. She is the first woman to hold the position.

Stoudemire had been serving as interim CFO since the former CFO retired on April 1. She is an attorney and previously served for 10 years as Deputy CFO/Budget Director.

Mayor Duggan said as Deputy CFO, Stoudemire helped to direct 12 consecutive balanced budgets and helped to guide the city's return to investment-grade status.

"With today's confirmation, we celebrate and recognize the historical significance of Tanya Stoudemire becoming the city's first woman Chief Financial Officer," the city wrote on its website on May 13.

Stoudemire, who lives in Van Buren Township with her family, also is the treasurer of the board of the Belleville Area District Library, which held its regular meeting the evening of May 13.

When she announced her promotion under board comments at the end of the meeting, board chairman Sharon Peters said, "They are lucky to get you, Tanya." Board members said they hope she doesn't get so busy with her new position that they



lose her as treasurer.

She was elected to the board in 2014 and was not reelected on a crowded ballot in 2018.

Stoudemire was appointed to the board on July 14, 2020 after the sitting treasurer resigned to move from the community to tend to her son's health.

Stoudemire was elected to the rest of that vacated term in November 2020 and in 2022 was elected to a four-year term.

She is married to Adrian Phillips and their children are Kyron, Evan, and Blake Phillips. The family has lived in the library district for more than 20 years.

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VBT board approves BYC fireworks display on Belleville Lake

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The annual Belleville Yacht Club fireworks display over Belleville Lake was approved by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on May 6.

The display will be from dark to about 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, with a rain date of Sunday, July 6. The location is in the lake directly behind the BYC clubhouse at 831 E. Huron River Dr.

Joshua Edwards, pyrotechnic operator of the Michigan Fireworks Club, requested

the permit. Assistants are Matt Copeland and Michael Hawkins.

In other business at the 47-minute regular meeting, the board:

- Issued a proclamation for Apraxia Awareness Day in honor of Paxton Shukait;

- Approved special land use for a drive-thru restaurant for Chick-fil-A at 10010 Belleville Rd. There will be two drive-thru lanes and enough room for 39 cars to be queued up on site. Entry is from the drive in front of the Menards parking lot;

- Approved paying Fishbeck Engineers up to \$48,650 to perform construction administration for the Tyler Road Sidewalk Gap project. Since federal grant money is funding the project, a professional construction administrator is required. Another \$60,000 more of sidewalk repairs than planned will be able to be done because of the grant;

- Approved a resolution for the long-term maintenance of the storm water management system for Metro Park Party Store at 41001 E. Huron River Dr.

- Approved the five-year second amendment to the existing ground-lease agreement with the University of Michigan for the rowing premises containing approximately .45 acres of land in Van Buren Park. Their lease is \$68,000 annually, increasing by 5% each year for the rest of the year. This is for use of the boathouse the township now owns, said Supervisor Kevin McNamara, noting U of M is responsible for repairs over the next five years;

- Approved the second reading and approval of a zoning ordinance amendment

to add provisions for commercial, office, and industrial planned unit developments;

- Approved the second reading and approval of a zoning ordinance amendment to rezone 12 properties near Van Born and Haggerty roads to M-1, Light Industrial, as requested by Ashley Capital;

- Approved the memorandum of understanding between the Senior Alliance and Van Buren Township for the No-Wrong-Door program to help people get information on services;

- Was advised of the celebration of life for Carol Bird, who served many years on the township DDA. It is May 8 at the Washtenaw Golf Club. It also was noted that Ginger Bruder recently passed and she will be missed by a lot of people. She lived in Willis but was very active with the Van Buren Eagles, writing plays and presenting creative programs and cooking special meals for fund raisers;

- Heard the owner of FG Island Grille, which she hopes to open in the Rite Aid shopping area, ask the board for help with the water tap fee of \$15,968, which she cannot afford. She cannot get her certificate of occupancy before the fee is paid. She said she could pay \$1,000 a month after she opens but Supervisor McNamara said the township can't loan people money and he had three meetings with her trying to figure out a solution. Clerk Leon Wright and Trustee Kevin Martin wanted the board to help her but they needed more information. McNamara said he can't negotiate at a board meeting and he will talk to the board members after the meeting and call her the next day; and

• Went into closed-door session to discuss a personnel matter. After one hour and 38 minutes the board reconvened in open session only to adjourn.

More Letters

Stamp Out Hunger Drive a success

To the editor:

A BIG thank you goes out to the Letter Carriers at the Belleville Post Office. 7,046 lbs. of food was collected and donated to the Emergency Food Closet housed at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., on Saturday, May 10. This exceeded 2024's donations by over 1,000 pounds!

Fifty-three volunteers worked at the church over five days to set-up, sort, check "freshness" dates, shelve, and clean-up. Eight Belleville High School students and one Woodhaven High School student participated. They were a great addition to the volunteer team!

Another BIG thank you goes out to Jack Stubbs who is a Belleville seventh grader. Jack and his dad, Tony, picked up donations from the letter carriers, took them to the post office to be weighed, and then made two deliveries to the church. Jack eagerly looks forward to volunteering with this event and has been helping for the last seven years!

I would like to thank all the Letter Carriers, volunteers, and those who donated food to make this a huge success to help those in need in our community.

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May 22nd, 2025

4PM to 7PM

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 22** – You are invited to the retirement open house to congratulate Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger on his retirement after 37 years of fire department service, 13 years of that as fire chief for the community of Belleville. The open house is 4-7 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr.

• **Thursday, May 22** – “Always a Welcome Sight: Lighthouses of Michigan,” a lecture by Andrew Kercher of Port Huron, is from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum. Free pizza at 5:30 p.m. RSVP by emailing bam@vbtmi.gov or calling (734) 697-1944.

• **Saturday, May 24** – Car wash at Loranger’s Clinic at Five Points in Belleville from noon to 4 p.m. to raise money for the football team and football program. Asking for donations.

• **Monday, May 26** – Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m., starts at BHS and ends on Roys Street. The VFW/PLAV Memorial Day ceremony is at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument on High Street.

• **Thursday, May 29** – “Intro to AI” at 6 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. What is AI? How does it work? Can the average person even use it? Justin Villa from the Westland Public Library will show how to best utilize generative AI to make your life easier. (734) 699-3291. Register at belleville.libcal.com.

• **Friday, May 30** – Trivia Night at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, at 7:30 p.m. with DJ Betty. Free to play. Put your knowledge to the test. Public welcome.

• **Saturday, May 31** – “Welcome Back Summer BBQ Under the Pavilion” from 4 to 7 p.m. (or until we run out) at the Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Ticket costs \$10 and includes two hot dogs and sides or hamburger and sides. Proceeds to benefit the Honor Guard.

• **Saturday, May 31** – Donuts and Discussion, open to the public, 10-11 a.m., Belleville Area District Library, 176 Fourth St., on the second floor, sponsored by Michigan Convention of States, a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization. Discussion on America’s future. All 50 states have now filed a COS resolution.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Public Information Meeting for Wayne Disposal, Inc. Hazardous Waste License Application to be rescheduled

The previously announced May 28, 2025, public information meeting for the Wayne Disposal, Inc.’s Hazardous Waste License application is being rescheduled and we will announce a new date soon.

If you have questions about the application or how to comment, contact Christine Matlock at 517-290-4612; MatlockC2@Michigan.gov; or EGLE-MMD-HWS@Michigan.gov.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 5, 2025 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Present
Julie Kissel	Present
Jerimiah Beebe	Present
Randy Priest	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

• Presentations

i. Chief Faull presented a plaque to Todd Schrecengost for 25 years of service to the City of Belleville. Mayor Voigt presented a proclamation to Todd as well for his years of service.

ii. Service Recognition plaque was presented by Mayor Voigt to Alicia McGovern for her time of service to the City of Belleville. Ms. McGovern was not in attendance.

iii. Service Recognition plaque was presented by Mayor Voigt to Mike Hawkins for his time of service to the City of Belleville. Mr. Hawkins was not in attendance.

iv. Service Recognition plaque presented to Mike Renaud by Mayor Voigt for his time of service to the City of Belleville.

v. Chief Faull introduced Isabelle Teachout to the City Council as a new member of the Fire Department, she has completed fire fighter 1 & 2 and will be starting EMS school.

vi. Chief Faull presented the budget for the Police Department and Fire Department for the upcoming 2025/2026 fiscal year.

• Citizen Comments – None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups’ routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than

through the filing of multiple motions.

• Approval of Minutes

i. April 7, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes
ii. April 8, 2025 - Special Meeting Minutes

• Communications
• Council Follow Up List
• DDA Follow Up List
• DPS Report
• Police and Fire Stats
• Special Events

i. Egan’s Pub Summer Car Shows
ii. Lakefest

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Priest to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

• None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

• None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. GoGov – App subscription

Discussion on making transition to GoGov, replacing Nixel.

b. DPW – Purchase of Concrete Saw and Blades

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Beebe to purchase Concrete Saw and Blades for DPW.

ROLL CALL

Julie Kissel	Nay
Jerimiah Beebe	Aye
Randy Priest	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Bates	Aye

Motion carried.

c. DPS – Purchase of Wood Fiber for Victory and Village Parks

Request for purchase to be placed on DDA agenda to share costs with the city.

d. Parks – Giffels Webster quote for Rec Plan Update

Motion by Beebe supported by Kissel to approve quote for Rec Plan Update from Giffels Webster.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Bates	Aye
Jerimiah Beebe	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye
Randy Priest	Aye
Julie Kissel	Aye

Motion carried.

e. Municode – Digital Ordinance and code book quote

Item tabled for further discussion.

f. Discussion – Downtown Parking
Suggestions for improving parking downtown:

- Better signage directing free parking
- Parking lines to be re-painted
- Time limit parking was suggested but it is hard to enforce

g. Discussion – Belleville High Championships Signage

Discussion to have sign at entrance of the city to celebrate the achievements of Belleville High School. City Manager to collect quotes. Color scheme to be decided.

h. Resolution 25-007 Adoption of the 2021 International Property maintenance Code
Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to adopt Resolution 25-007.
Motion carried.

i. First Reading – Amendment to Code of Ordinances Chapter 54 – Parks and Recreation
Item tabled.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

• Accounts Payable
• Departmental Expenditures

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Priest	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENT

• Construction on High Street has started.
• 80% of the city has completed a meter swap. Work has been completed to get codes correctly set up on the computer for billing.

• Walk through completed today at 330 Charles. Walk through was mandatory for those wanting to bid on the project. Bids are due May 15th and will be on the agenda for May 19, 2025

• Tree Ordinance – Amber Bloom

• We have 2 interns; one will be assigned to Jason and Melissa the other will work with Steve Jones to focus on DDA.

• Hired one seasonal and one permanent worker to replace lost employees.

• Have a list of things to Hennessy Engineers to respond to.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Beebe

- Nice job to Chief Faull on budget presentation.
- Nice job to Melissa
- DPW yard is getting better and believe it will be an asset to the public.

Council Member Priest –

- Nice to recognize those who have given years of service to the city.
- Anxious to move forward with the new City Hall.
- Good job to Chief Faull on budget presentation.
- Happy Mother’s Day.

Council Member Kissel –

- Congratulations to everyone receiving recognition/ plaques.
- DTE is out upgrading gas meters.

Will be discussing tree ordinance at the planning commission meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bates

- It is inspiring and appreciated those that serve our community.
- Congratulations to Jason.

12. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- Congratulations to the Belleville High School Girls Basketball team on their championship.

- Belleville High School Robotics team is competing at international level.

- BHS Bowling team has done well.

- Attended Sponge Bob musical at BHS.

- BHS Jazz band performing May 8th at 7 pm, directors Campbell and Taylor have done a phenomenal job.

- Progress is happening at the new city hall, move it

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to adjourn at 8:43 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Michelle Bellingham
Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **June 11th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room.

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment:

- Gasoline or Automobile Filling Stations
 - Article 5: Development Standards for Specific Uses. Section 5.144 Gasoline or Automobile Filling Stations. Proposed amendments to provide separation distance between such facilities. The Amendments will include minimum lot area and width, front yard setback, side or rear yard setback, side or rear yard setback abutting residential zoned property, ingress and egress, driveway spacing, number of driveways, separation distance, pumps, off-street parking and loading, canopy structure, fueling operations, pedestrian circulation, signs, severability, repealer, savings clause, effective date and adoption.
- Battery Energy Storage System Ordinance
 - Proposed amendments to create zoning regulations addressing Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Specific regulations include definitions, specific terms, signage, lighting, vegetation and tree-cutting, noise, decommissioning plan, decommissioning fund, setbacks, height, fencing requirements, screening and visibility, architecture, ownership changes, severability, repealer, savings clause, effective date and adoption.

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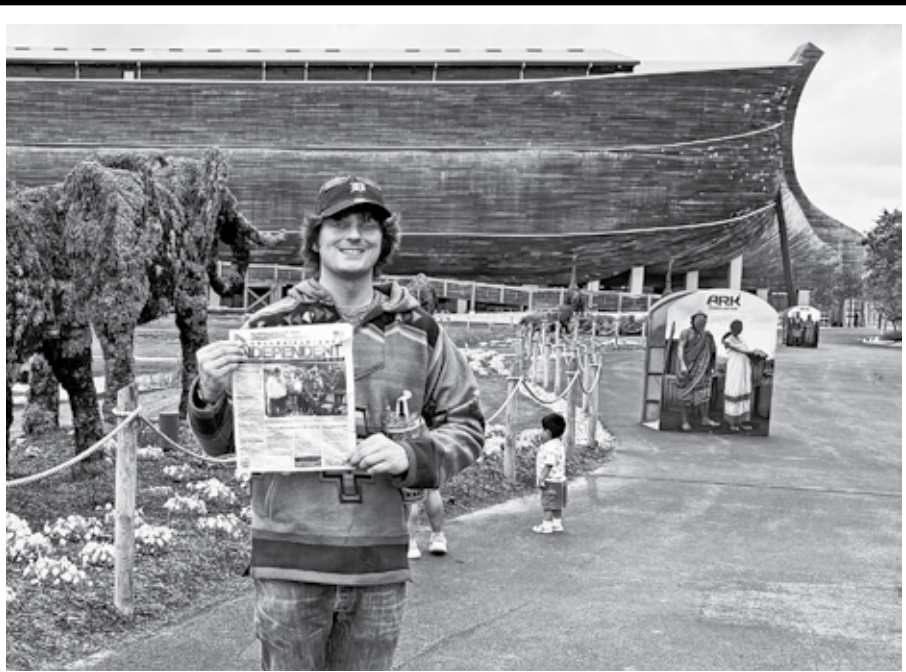
- Case 25-015: Project Venture – Special Land Use Request. A request by HIP VI Enterprises, LLC on behalf of owner Wayne County Airport Authority to construct an outdoor storage area associated with a truck terminal use, located at V125-83-017-99-0002-705 on the North side of Ecorse Road, South side of Van Born Road, East of Denton Road and West of Beck Road.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vbtmi.gov. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

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2023	ASSEMBLED	TR	MI596A141R092223	24-12252
2008	ROYAL RC	TR	5LABE14208M018472	25-1975

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2019	FORD	VN	1FTYR1YM0KKB01097	25-1308
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2010	FORD	SW	1FMEU7DE4AUA93118	25-4298
2007	LINCOLN	SW	2LMDU88C87BJ35867	25-4129
2007	HONDA	4D	1HGCM668X7A046748	25-3460
2011	TOYOTA	4D	4T4BF3EK3BR140396	25-8681
2015	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3CCCAB6FN603315	25-4961
2006	HONDA	4D	1HGCM56886A177265	25-5088
2005	DODGE	SW	2D4FV48V15H129504	25-5196

All vehicles are sold in "As is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: May 22nd, 2025

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 360 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, May 11:

0052 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0245 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
0721 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0819 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0855 – motorist assist, Martz Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
1005 – juvenile complaint, Freedom Way
1124 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1210 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1301 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1351 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
1529 – road hazard, Martinsville Rd./Riggs Rd.
1541 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.
1606 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1830 – neighbor trouble, Arlene Ln.
1843 – personal injury accident, Martinsville/Fret
1906 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2137 – juvenile complaint, Assembly St.
2154 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2240 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2340 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cross St./Western St.

Monday, May 12:

0741 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Old Rawsonville Rd.
0856 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
0951 – overdose, McBride Ave.
1020 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1057 – animal complaint, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1102 – unattended death, Turnberry Ct.
1201 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
xxxx – assist citizen, Park Estates Dr.
1145 – welfare check, Montague Ave.
1244 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1436 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.
1445 – personal injury accident, Michigan Ave.
1610 – domestic, Rayna Ct.
1655 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1718 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1730 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Grove Rd.
1805 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1841 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cumberland Ct.
1928 – harassment call, Assembly St.
1852 – disorderly, Landmark
1954 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2026 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2105 – civil matter, Ormond Dr.
2313 – juvenile complaint, Kouza Ct.

Tuesday, May 13:

0009 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0253 – threat, Lake Villa Dr.
0633 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Hannan Rd.
0649 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0909 – family trouble, Rayna Ct.
0944 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fret Rd.
xxxx – larceny, Riggs Rd.
1110 – misc. complaint, Owen St.
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1136 – animal complaint, Clayton Rd.
1138 – misc. complaint, Brandi Dr.
xxxx – assist citizen, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
1441 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1533 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1618 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1621 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Archwood Dr.
xxxx – repossession, N. Sunset Ln.
1834 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cobblestone
1834 – juvenile complaint, Assembly St.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2109 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.

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2044 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2156 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2200 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Villa Dr.
2302 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
Wednesday, May 14:
0201 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Dalton Dr.
0328 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0334 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
0911 – welfare check, Victoria St.
1021 – assist fire dept., Holly Ln.
1059 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
1111 – welfare check, Madison Dr.
1113 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1231 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1259 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
1258 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1435 – domestic, Jackson St./Hayes St.
xxxx – private property impound, Martz Rd.
1614 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd./Quirk Rd.
1615 – property damage accident, Country Walk Blvd.

1711 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.
1722 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1935 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2005 – domestic, Brandi Dr.
2014 – misc. complaint, Naughtingham Ct.
2322 – parking complaint, Ecorse Rd.
2347 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

Thursday, May 15:

0216 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0233 – noise complaint, McKinley St./Haggerty
xxxx – repossession, Winchester St.
0609 – assist other dept., Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0838 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brookside Dr.
1214 – misc. complaint, Owen St.
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1311 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1323 – trespassing, Jackson St.
1335 – welfare check, Anna Dr.
1402 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.
1418 – fraud, Red Oak Dr.
1419 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
1504 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
1526 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
1536 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1544 – lost property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1544 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

1640 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd. / McKinley St.
1612 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
1634 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1654 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
1746 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1846 – misc. complaint, Old Rawsonville Rd.
1832 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Hardwood Dr.
1846 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1838 – threat, E. Huron River Dr.
1954 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2003 – dumping complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
2009 – neighbor trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2059 – intrusion alarm, Martz Rd.
2104 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
2114 – intrusion alarm, Chandler Dr.
2132 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
2139 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Sadie Ln.
2204 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2347 – mental subject, Beckley Rd.
Friday, May 16:
0031 – assist fire dept., Alba Ct.
0144 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
0248 – intrusion alarm, Beck Rd.
0509 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0713 – larceny, Denton Rd./Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Mott
0826 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.

0838 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
0942 – larceny, Birch Dr.
0946 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
1021 – malicious destruction of property, Red Oak
1029 – warrant arrest, Alva Dr.
1049 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1130 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Walk
1332 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1347 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1540 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1731 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1814 – animal complaint, Parkside Dr.
1825 – animal complaint, Ash Dr.
1848 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2006 – animal complaint, Parkside Dr.
2011 – 911 welfare check, Anna Dr.
2032 – property check, Robbe Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2135 – welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Belleville Rd.
2212 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
2245 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2325 – breaking & entering, Assembly St.
2355 – animal complaint, Chaney Ave.

Saturday, May 17:

0034 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0113 – assist other dept., Morton Taylor Rd.
0246 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Cumberland Dr.
xxxx – repossession, E. Huron River Dr.
0434 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
0708 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0810 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0914 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
0943 – assist fire dept., Bemis Rd.
1036 – fraud, Martinsville Rd.
1100 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1059 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1200 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1306 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1314 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1413 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1507 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1614 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1632 – malicious destruction of property, W. Adams
1841 – threat, Michigan Ave./Winchester St.
1850 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2044 – malicious destruction of property, Union
2052 – trespassing, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2052 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
2114 – threat, Pine Dr.

xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Marlowe Ave./Robson Rd.

2327 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.
2331 – domestic, N. Ponderosa Trl.
Also, on this log are 108 traffic stops, 30 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also are 51 ordinance violations.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 11:

1649 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave./South St.
1709 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. Biggs/E. Huron River Dr.
1912 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.

Monday, May 12:

1058 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
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1059 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1644 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, May 13:

0808 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Bay Pointe Dr.
0935 – traffic offense, Carmell St.
1414 – sexual assault, Fourth St.
1745 – property check, Denton Rd.
1841 – property check, Belle Villa trailer park

2024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
Wednesday, May 14:
0846 – domestic, Bay Pointe Dr.
0933 – intrusion alarm, E. Thornill Ct.
1023 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Main St.
1200 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1336 – civil matter, Main St.
1349 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
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1438 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1950 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2011 – property damage accident, Main St./Second
2035 – harassment call, High St.
2244 – disorderly, High St.

Thursday, May 15:

0928 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1034 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Columbia Ave.
1151 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hannan Rd.
1209 – trespassing, E. Columbia Ave.
1617 – threat, Carmell St.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.
Friday, May 16:
0632 – 911 welfare check, Robbe St.
1221 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1412 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1451 – property damage accident, Main St.
1620 – vehicle lockout, Main St.

Saturday, May 17:

0838 – misc. complaint, Denton Rd.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Roys St.
1011 – misc. complaints, Grace Baptist
1136 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1159 – shooting, W. Columbia Ave.
1201 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1846 – traffic offense, Wexford Ave.

There are 112 reports on this week's log and 64 of these are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 11:

0031 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
0116 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.
0942 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1340 – suspicious circumstance, Harris/Savage
1412 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Judd
1725 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1819 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln. / Creekside Dr.
2353 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Monday, May 12:

0024 – juvenile matter, 6900 bl. Oakville Waltz
0215 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0549 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0906 – open alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1102 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico
1102 – alarm, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1254 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1307 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1648 – suspicious vehicle, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1717 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1831 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis
2025 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2033 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
2034 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd./Wear Rd.
2044 – motorist assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2105 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
2315 – juvenile matter, Alaska St.

Tuesday, May 13:

0102 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood
0209 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.
0239 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0747 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0932 – 911 hangup, Washington St.
1053 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1100 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico
1117 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1437 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1505 – civil matter, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1531 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.
1535 – death investigation, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1557 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1717 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis
1754 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1848 – follow-up investigation, Montana St.
1907 – family trouble, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2128 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2324 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.

Wednesday, May 14:

0004 – noise complaint, Timberlane Dr.
0008 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

0928 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1108 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
1213 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1549 – 911 hangup, Washington St.
1727 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1821 – assist other agency, Will Carleton Rd. / Adora Ln.
2234 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz/Karr
Thursday, May 15:
0102 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0128 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
0256 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0339 – civil matter, Hampshire Dr.
0846 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1214 – fire dept. assist, Tulip Dr.
1244 – animal complaint, Oregon St.
1307 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Arkona
1317 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1329 – alarm, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1508 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Dale Dr.

1707 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1847 – suspicious circumstance, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1926 – reckless driver, Elwell Rd./Arkona Rd.
2000 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Wear
2149 – neighbor dispute, Wyoming St.
2243 – neighbor dispute, Greenmeadow Dr.
Friday, May 16:
0021 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.
0310 – traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville/Judd
0351 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0426 – traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville Rd. / Willis Rd.
0537 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Sumpter
0613 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.
0948 – assist other agency, Bemis/Martinsville
1014 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.
1105 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1224 – welfare check, Wyoming St.
1331 – neighbor dispute, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1402 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1402 – follow-up investigation, Colorado St.
1414 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1513 – personal injury accident, 43000 bl. Willis
1626 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1735 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1739 – 911 hangup, Virginia St.
1903 – traffic complaint/hazard, Arizona St.
1948 – ORV complaint, Willow Rd./Karr Rd.
1958 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2003 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Dunn
2026 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming
2142 – family trouble, Nevada St.
2200 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2201 – suspicious person, Wyoming St.
2339 – noise complaint, Virginia St.

Saturday, May 17:

0538 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville/Judd
0814 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0935 – 911 hangup, Indiana St./Oregon St.
1051 – civil matter, Nevada St.
1138 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Wear
1233 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Willis
1257 – civil matter, Indiana St.
1410 – mental health call, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1411 – traffic complaint/hazard, 48000 bl. Bemis
1500 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1601 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
1627 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
1652 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1727 – juvenile matter, Carleton West Rd./Wear
1812 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
1857 – follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.
1921 – juvenile matter, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
2006 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2230 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
Also on this week's log are 171 patrol checks, 77 traffic stops, and 14 misc. details.



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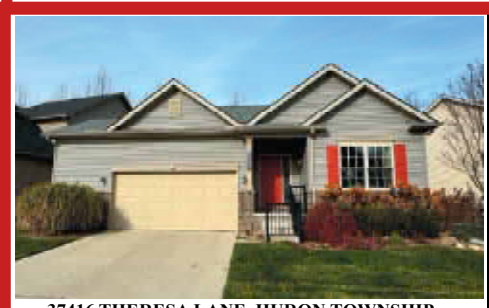
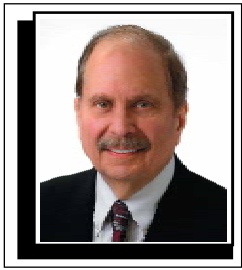
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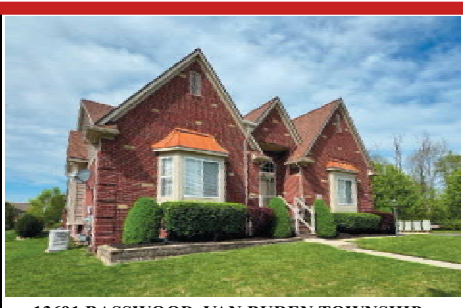
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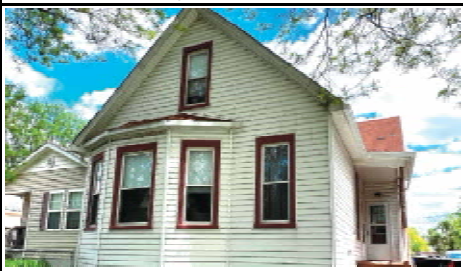
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